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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES PLAN TO UPDATE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

RALEIGH - Gov. Mike Easley today announced his plan to update youth development centers (YDC) throughout North Carolina, which includes the addition of three new facilities. Following the innovative model of lease-buy financing used previously to build prisons in Anson, Scotland and Alexander counties, Easley is calling for YDCs to be built near the current Dobbs (Lenoir), Swannanoa (Buncombe), and Stonewall Jackson (Cabarrus) sites.

"High-quality youth development centers in North Carolina are critical in being able to help our children turn their lives around so that they can become productive citizens," said Easley.

Lease-purchase financing allows the project to be privately financed and constructed, then sold to the North Carolina Infrastructure Finance Corporation, a non-profit appointed by the state treasurer. The YDC will then be leased to the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, under terms that offer options for purchase.

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